THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) There is no language wise distribtuion of programme staff in the Sahitya Akademi or its Regional Offices. The Sahitya Akademi has a Language Advisory Board for each of the twenty-two ianguages recognized by them. Major activities of the Sahitya Akademi like Translation, Publication, Seminar, other Literary Programmes etc., are based on the recommendations of the respective Language Advisory Boards. The staff in the Sahitya Akademi and the Regional Offices provide administrative support to the Language Advisory Boards.

Levy of One Time Entry Fee for Hampi Monuments

1732. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten dollars and Rupees ten is being charged for each monument as entrance fee at Hampi for foreign and domestic tourist; and

(b) if so, whether Government will take steps to levy one time entrance fee for visit to entire Hampi monuments to promote tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Entry fee of Rs. 10/- for Indian citizens and $ 10 for others is charged separately at the Vithala Temple complex and the Lotus Mahal complex at Hampi. No entry fee is charged for children below the age of fifteen.

(b) There is no proposal to change the existing arrangement.

Development of Tourism in Bihar

†1733. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plans submitted by the State Government of Bihar to the Central Government for its approval and assistance for the development of tourism sector in Bihar during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(b) the latest status of the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Financial assistance is provided to State Governments/U.T. Administrations for tourism projects prioritised every year in consultation

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

with them. The details of prioritised project proposals received form Govt. of Bihar are as under:—

1999-2000 : 16

2000-2001 : 16

(b) Seven projects of 1999-2000 with Central component of Rs. 158.99 lakhs have been sanctioned. Five projects of 2000-2001 with Central component of Rs. 93.83 lakhs have also been sanctioned. However, one of these projects falls in the newly created State of Jharkhand.

Promotion of Warrangal as Cultural Centre

1734. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to promote Warrangal as a cultural centre under the "Rejuvenation of culturally important towns and cities project";

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to salvage and restore the archaeological master pieces of Kakatiya times;

(c) how much money has so far been allocated under this project for Warrangal, Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether any time frame has been fixed with in which the project is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) As per information received from the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, no decision has so far been taken to include Warrangal under this Scheme.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Declaration of Sivasagar as a Heritage Site

1735. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Sivasagar district of Assam where different monuments of Ahom Kingdom's are located, from the tourist point of view;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;